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For: SELF-CONTAINED CELL CULTURE  
APPARATUS AND METHOD OF USE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application. This amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination and is in response to the final Office Action dated May 6, 2009, for which a response is due on August 6, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to September 8, 2009 (the 6<sup>th</sup> being a Sunday and the 7<sup>th</sup> being Labor Day). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.